

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION

FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title: Multnomah County Department of Community Justice – Re-entry services

2. Organization Name and address:

Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
501 SE Hawthorne, Ste 250
Portland, Oregon, 97214

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

The Department of Community Justice (DCJ) is the county agency responsible for adult probation and parole supervision, and juvenile justice services for Oregon's largest county. The organization promotes public safety and strives to reduce recidivism among juvenile delinquents and adult offenders through a balance of supervision, services, and sanctions.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

The Department seeks to share information with community members, partners, and staff on what works to keep communities safe by preventing and reducing crime, and to routinely evaluate the extent to which local policies support those best practices.

The funding would support a number of services and strategies to assist offenders who have completed their prison and jail terms, and are returning to our community. More specifically, these funds will be used to increase the number of people receiving transitional services as they leave prison and jail by a third, to double the number of transitional housing beds available for returning offenders, increase outpatient treatment slots, and retain mentors and an employment specialist.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding. N/A

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

Department of Justice - Byrne

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

The period immediately following release from prison is a particularly high-risk time for offenders. Not only is the risk of new crimes greatest during this period, but offenders often experience a heightened need for substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, housing and other services. These services are designed to break cycles of addiction, criminality, and homelessness that cost Oregon communities millions in criminal justice costs. DCJ transitional services are also tied to employment and vocational services, geared towards getting former offenders back to work.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?

If so, who? Yes, Senators Wyden & Merkley, Congressmen Wu & Schrader

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

\$2 million

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

\$2 million.

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

Multnomah County General Funds -- \$20,000

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

No, unless project does not receive requested amount.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.

(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

N/A

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

N/A

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?): Yes

Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:

appropriations.blumenauer@mail.house.gov